

IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE DISTRICT OF SOUTH CAROLINA
AIKEN DIVISION

EVELYN EICKMEYER QUINONES,) Civil Action No.: 1:18-3561-BHH
Plaintiff,)
v.)
COMMISSIONER OF SOCIAL)
SECURITY ADMINISTRATION,)
Defendant.)

ORDER

This matter is before the Court on Plaintiff Evelyn Eickmeyer Quinones's complaint filed pursuant to 42 U.S.C. § 405(g) for judicial review of the Commissioner of Social Security's final decision denying Plaintiff's application for disability insurance benefits under Title II of the Social Security Act. The record includes the report and recommendation ("Report") of a United States Magistrate Judge, which was made in accordance with 28 U.S.C. § 636(b)(1)(B) and Local Civil Rule 73.02(B)(2)(a), D.S.C. In the Report, which was filed on December 18, 2019, the Magistrate Judge recommends that the Court reverse the Commissioner's final decision denying benefits and remand for further proceedings. Attached to the Report was a notice advising the Parties of the right to file written objections to the Report within fourteen days of being served with a copy. On January 2, 2020, the Government filed a notice stating it does not intend to file an objection. (ECF No. 23).

The Magistrate Judge makes only a recommendation to the Court. The recommendation has no presumptive weight, and the responsibility to make a final determination remains with the Court. *Mathews v. Weber*, 423 U.S. 261 (1976). The Court

is charged with making a de novo determination only as to those portions of the Report to which specific objections are made, and the Court may accept, reject, or modify, in whole or in part, the recommendation of the Magistrate Judge, or recommit the matter to the Magistrate Judge with instructions. 28 U.S.C. § 636(b)(1). In the absence of specific objections, the Court reviews the matter only for clear error. See *Diamond v. Colonial Life & Accident Ins. Co.*, 416 F.3d 310, 315 (4th Cir. 2005) (stating that “in the absence of a timely filed objection, a district court need not conduct a de novo review, but instead must ‘only satisfy itself that there is no clear error on the face of the record in order to accept the recommendation.’”) (quoting Fed. R. Civ. P. 72 advisory committee’s note).

Here, because no objections were filed, the Court has reviewed the findings and recommendations of the Magistrate Judge for clear error. Finding none, the Court hereby adopts and incorporates the Report (ECF No. 22). It is therefore **ORDERED** that the Commissioner’s decision denying benefits is reversed. The matter is remanded under sentence four of 42 U.S.C. § 405(g) for further administrative proceedings.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

/s/Bruce H. Hendricks
Bruce Howe Hendricks
United States District Judge

January 3, 2020
Charleston, South Carolina